
**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, September 5,
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James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson

Albemarle Sepr. 5. 1797.

Dear Sir

I inclose the paper you were so good as commit to my care yesterday. I have perused it with attention and pleasure, and think its contents ought to be used so as to produce to the publick the beneficial effect likely to result from them. The only doubt wh. I entertain is as to the channel into wh. it is proposed to put the paper, whether for example, a state legislature can interfere in a question between a citizen of the U.States & his representative in Congress. It may be urged that the establishmt. of the principle may lead to great extent, & even make all the members of the national govt., by a code of crimes and punishmts. amenable to state tribunals. I support this for yr. consideration, to wh. I try to add whether it woud. not be better to address it to the Congress? I will endeavor to see you as soon as possible. Sincerely I am yr. friend & servant Jas. Monroe

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